GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a). whether Coal India Ltd. has reduced funds for community development from 20% of the budget to a mere 5% during the last five years;

(b). the amount spent for providing drinking water, health, education and roads to the villages located around the mines as well as to the displaced persons; (

(c). whether the Government is aware that there is a resentment among the people of villages located nearby coal mines due to reduction in the said amount; and

(d). if so, whether the Government propose to undertake the development work by restoring the amount for community development?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO)

(a)&(b). No Sir. Coal India Limited has not reduced funds for expenditure on community development during the last 5 years. As a part of Community Development programme amount spent on Drinking Water, Health, Education and Roads etc. to the villages located around the mines as well as to the displaced persons during 1998-99 to 2002-2003 are given below:-

(Rs. In Lakh)

1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
966.28	855.31	919.81	1203.21	1436.59

In view of the above it is evident that the amount of expenditure is gradually increasing from 2000-2001.

(c)&(d). Do not arise in view of the reply to part (a) &

(b) above.